

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace Paragraph 0018, beginning at Page 7, Line 17, of the Specification with the following:

C1 [0018] A pair of degenerate oligonucleotide (Forward primer, GGITGYDSIDSIGGICCIAAYAC (SEQ ID NO: 9); Reverse primer, ARIYKIYYRTRRAAISWICCIGG (SEQ ID NO: 10)) was synthesized, based on the region conserved among TCS1 (Kato et al., 2000, GenBank accession no. AB031280) and two proteins (Z99708 and AC008153), with their functions unknown, of Arabidopsis thaliana. These oligonucleotides correspond to amino acid sequences of GC(A/S)(A/S)GPNT (SEQ ID NOS: 11-14) and PGSF(H/Y)(G/K)(R/N)LF (SEQ ID NOS: 15-22), respectively. In a 25  $\mu$ l of reaction mixture containing Coffea arabica cDNA and the above-mentioned primer pair, PCR was performed under the conditions described below. That is, after reaction at 94°C for one minute, 30 cycles of denaturation at 94°C for 30 seconds, annealing at 52°C for 30 seconds and extension at 72°C for one minutes was performed, which was followed by a final extension at 72°C for 7 minutes, whereby the PCR reaction was completed. The amplified cDNA fragment of about 270 base pairs was used for screening of cDNA library. (cDNA library construction and screening)